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VALIDATION:

The following information on the SED (KPD) suggests activities of a clandestine and subversive nature and suspicion of the KPD, as well as the German Police, being made use of by the Soviet Intelligence services. Apart from the Communist Party, there has always been a special branch or "Apparat" devoted to carrying out the Party's conspiratorial program. Although it seems highly probable that such an organization exists throughout the Party today, the newly reported Cadre (Kader) set-up of the German Communist Party is believed to be an internal Party affair and of little outside concern or illegality. Caution is recommended, therefore, in regarding the following organizations as individual Communist Party security agencies, or in assuming that KPD "Abwehr" functions exist at the moment in the form of a separate illegal "Apparat."

1. Information on the new Cadre set-up in the present German Communist Party is that it is a new organization with the main task of supervising Party members and their activities. In March 1946, a source, previously untested but believed reliable, reported the top Headquarters of the Communist Party Cadre, the Kaderaktion of the ZK of the Party, to be located in Berlin. This Headquarters controls Kader divisions in each province (Headquarters for Land Sachsen in Dresden; for Brandenburg, in Berlin, etc.). The provincial units are sub-divided into regional (Kreis or Bezirk) districts. The Kader-Abteilung of a Bezirksleitung controls Kaderleute of Party units on each level down to Ortsgruppe (city and town) and to the lowest divisions, which are optional "strong points," freely formed according to need or purpose.

Cadre Headquarters on all levels are divided to include the following functions:

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Similar in function and title, although not overtly connected with the Communist Party, is the "Information Section in the Press and Propaganda Department of the Provincial Administration for Saxony," in Halle.

Intelligence service working with the KVD in the role of a political secret police within the Provincial Administration.

3.

Kommision (board of examiners) in the City Directorate of the Hamburg KPD, whose task is to investigate all individual cases of security interest within the Party. This board has its own section in the Cadre-Abteilung of the KPD, Abteilung 22, which is autonomous and whose representative carries out work of interest under the title of 2nd Kadermann (also loosely known as Abwehrmann).

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the establishment of an SED Überwachungsdienst, also known as "SB" and "Übergeordneter Geheimes Polizei-Parteidienst," in Neustadt, Province of Mecklenburg. [redacted] the outfit service Police and SDA requests with surveillance of local inhabitants and transients. The organization is headed by the Police Chief in Neustadt, who is a Communist and former concentration camp inmate. Similar "Überwachungsdienste" exist in other Russian Zone localities [redacted] 50X1-HUM and are usually headed by the Chief of Police of the respective locality.

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NOTE: The above organization, while at first glance corresponding to the Cadre set-up as defined in Par. 1, differs from the Cadre Überwachungsdienst as well as from the [redacted] Prüfungskommission, as it apparently has police auxiliary functions instead of confining itself to intra-Party security.

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[redacted] The initials "SDA" [redacted] 50X1-HUM may reflect the connection between the Überwachungsdienst and the Sonderdienst as indicated in Par. 1.

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5.

Abteilung "H" of the Land Sachsen Criminal Police [redacted] a political police organization, working with the KVD for enforcement of the SED Party line by secret surveillance of the German Communist Party.

NOTE: This is the first report of a separate organization performing Party security surveillance. However, in this case the surveillance is unknown to Party and Cadre members, and is under the direction of the KVD.

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1. Sonderdienst (Special Branch)  
with the functions of the former SD and collaborating with the MVD on a lower level than #9 below. In smaller communities, members also belong to #9.
2. Sonderreinsatz (Special Reserve)  
with so-called "emergency duties" similar to the former SA or SS.
3. Nachrichtendienst (Information Service)  
with courier service, border observation, and liaison with adjoining units.
4. Aufklärungsdienst (Intelligence Service)  
working with the Information Service at home and abroad.
5. Propaganda Service  
press, radio, films, handbills, etc.
6. Fahrberettschaft und Technischer Dienst (Transportation and Technical Branch)  
similar to the NKVD.
7. Störgruppe (Hassance Group)  
for breaking up meetings of disliked opponent parties, etc.
8. General Cadre  
Every Party Functionary is a member of this group.
9. Überwachungsdienst (Surveillance Service)  
or so-called Chief Cadre, which keeps the cadre itself under surveillance, the Party, authorities, etc. Like the Sonderdienst, it works with the SVD but on a higher level.

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2. [redacted] formation  
of an Informationsdienst der Provinzialleitung der SED in the Province of Saxony. This Information Service of the SED Provincial Administration collects information on the activities of politically-suspect persons for the use of [redacted] the office of the German State's attorney and the Prosecuting Attorney of the GMA.

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